

On motion of Mr. Chapman, the following message was read.
By the House of Delegates, Dec. 30, 1809.
Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have agreed to the second amendment proposed by you to the bill, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments, and have rejected the one respecting the offence of tarring and feathering, which we conceive a crime properly cognizable by this system, and have therefore sent back the bill, in expectation that your house, on reconsideration, will recede from the same.

By order, J BREWER, clk.

On motion of Mr. Brent, the question was put, That the word "properly" be stricken out? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house agree to the said message? Resolved in the affirmative, and, with the bill, sent to the senate.

Mr. Harryman presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore, counter to the petition of the Water company; and Mr. Stuart presented a petition from William S-well, of the city of Annapolis, an old soldier; which were read and referred.

Mr. Belt delivers an unfavourable report on the petitions of Eliza Brown and John Stringer; which was twice read and concurred with.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to lay out and straighten a road in Baltimore county, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the bill to authorize the sale of a lot, piece or parcel of ground, lately possessed by Jeffrey Dillon Shanley, the further supplement to the act for the destruction of wolves in Allegany county, the bill to authorize Thomas Taylor to complete his collection, and the bill to regulate the market-house in the town of Williams Port, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The bill concerning the register of wills of St. Mary's county, and the bill authorizing James Cochran to complete his collection, endorsed, "will not pass."

Mr. Calvert delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the children of Benjamin Young, deceased, late of Prince-George's county; Mr. J. S. Moffitt delivers a bill, entitled, An act to authorize Hannah Hall, administratrix of Richard Hall, to sell certain land therein mentioned; Mr. Bland delivers a bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Builders Society of Baltimore; Mr. Frazier delivers a bill, entitled, An act annulling the marriage of George Hillman and Mary Anne Hillman, of the city of Baltimore; and Mr. J. H. Thomas delivers a bill, entitled, An act to alter and abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as require a property qualification in persons to be appointed or holding offices of profit or trust in this state, and in persons elect members of the legislature, or electors of the senate; which were severally read.

The bill for the relief of William Sinclair of the city of Baltimore, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate.

The bill to authorize and empower the levy court of Caroline county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to tax bank stock for the establishment and support of schools, and after making number of amendments thereto, and reading the bill throughout, the question was put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative yeas 38, nays 17.

Mr. Street presented a petition from John C. Bond, of Harford county, praying to be released from the payment of nine per cent imposed on him by law; which was read and referred.

Mr. Wharton delivers a bill, entitled, An act for incorporating the Rockville academy in Montgomery county; which was read.

On motion of Mr. J. Brown, the question was put, That the bill for the valuation